

Approved: February 13, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on Monday February 6 , 2012 in Room 159 S of the Capitol. The minutes of January 30 and January 31 were read. Senator Huntington moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Kultala. The motion carried.

All members were present except:

Senator Bob Marshall, excused  
Senator Pete Brungardt, excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Walters, Attorney, Division of Property Valuation, Kansas Dept of Revenue

The discussion opened on **SB 346–Sale of property for delinquent taxes; changes.**

Kathleen A. Taylor, Kansas Bankers Association, an opponent of the bill, reminded the committee the bill would deny the mortgagee the right to protect its security interest in that property should a municipality hold a foreclosure sale for delinquent taxes.

Mary Buhl, Assistant Johnson County Counselor, a proponent of the bill, explained the bill is intended to assist Kansas counties with the collection of delinquent real estate taxes by amending K.S.A. 79-2804g and K.S.A. 79-2804h. The statutes relate to who can bid at delinquent real estate tax foreclosure auctions, and to whom the successful bidder may deed the property.

Discussion and questions followed. Senator Huntington moved to table SB 346. The motion was seconded by Senator Kultala. The motion passed.

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The discussion opened on. **SB 348–Appraisal of property for taxation purposes; appeals; changes.**

Bill Walters, Attorney, Division of Property Valuation, Kansas Department of Revenue, presented amendments to **SB 348**. (attachment 1) The new language in sections 1 and 6 would shift the burden of proof to the county appraiser when the taxpayer has furnished a complete income and expense statement for the three years next preceding the year of appeal. The change in section 2 is to assure that this provision is only applicable to vessels required to be awarded a certificate of number (“KA number”) by the Secretary of Wildlife and Parks.

Discussion and questions followed. Senator Kelsey moved to amend SB 348. Senator Huntington seconded the motion. The motion passed. Senator Kelsey move to pass SB 348 as amended out of committee. The motion was seconded by Senator Huntington. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 2012

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